

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 298 - HB 443

May 4, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Decreases, from 15 days to 10 days, the number of days the Comptroller of the Treasury has to determine if certain financing agreements to fund a medical school under the Medical School Authorities Act are in compliance with the guidelines, rules or regulations of the State Funding Board.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008173): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates a resident training program for doctors of medicine focusing on family medicine, general pediatrics, primary care medicine-pediatrics, and psychiatry to provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties to be administered by the University of Tennessee (UT) and East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in cooperation with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). UT and ETSU may contract with accredited medical schools and sponsoring institutions.

Creates a resident training program for physicians focusing on family medicine and general internal medicine provide medical and behavioral health services in medically underserved areas and rural counties to be administered by Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) in cooperation with DOH and THEC. LMU may contract with other accredited medical schools and sponsoring institutions or residency programs.

The residency training programs are to use non-state, federal, and private funds or fee revenue in the development and implementation of the additional resident training opportunities. Specifies the resident training opportunities created under this section are not eligible for graduate medical education funds distributed by the Division of TennCare.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$5,500,000/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact – Of the increased expenditures, \$4,000,000 will be allocated to resident training programs administered by the University of Tennessee and East Tennessee State University and \$1,500,000 will be

allocated to the resident training programs administered by Lincoln Memorial University.

The FY21-22 budget passed by the General Assembly on April 29, 2021 includes funding in the amount of \$5,500,000 for this purpose.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- UT and ETSU will receive an allocation of \$4,000,000 to administer doctor of medicine resident training opportunities. The exact amount of funds for each university's program and the number of residents being trained is dependent on the process and methodology required by the proposed legislation.
- LMU will receive an allocation of \$1,500,000 to administer physician resident training opportunities. The exact amount of funds for each university's program and the number of residents being trained will be dependent on the methodology established by LMU and any contracted schools or sponsoring institutions.
- The amount of non-state, federal and private funds or fee revenue available is unknown.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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